

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 849

To provide for the repeal of the phase out of incandescent light bulbs unless the Comptroller General makes certain specific findings.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN (for herself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. POE of Texas, and Mr. BROUN of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To provide for the repeal of the phase out of incandescent light bulbs unless the Comptroller General makes certain specific findings.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Light Bulb Freedom
5 of Choice Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective 6 months after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, sections 321 and 322, and the
9 items in the table of contents relating thereto, of the En-

1 ergy Independence and Security Act of 2007 are repealed,
2 unless the Comptroller General has before that time trans-
3 mitted to the Congress a report containing all of the find-
4 ings described in section 3(a).

5 (b) REVERSION.—If a repeal occurs under subsection
6 (a), the amendments made by sections 321 and 322 of
7 the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 are
8 hereby repealed, and the laws amended thereby shall read
9 as if those amendments had not been enacted.

10 **SEC. 3. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.**

11 (a) FINDINGS.—A report referred to in section 2(a)
12 is a report that finds that—

13 (1) consumers will obtain a net savings, in
14 terms of dollars spent on the combination of month-
15 ly electric bills and expenses for new light fixtures
16 to accommodate the use of the light bulbs required
17 by the amendments described in section 2(a), com-
18 pared to dollars spent before the enactment of those
19 amendments;

20 (2) the phase-out required by those amend-
21 ments will reduce overall carbon dioxide emissions by
22 20 percent in the United States by the year 2025;
23 and

24 (3) such phase-out will not pose any health
25 risks, including risks associated with mercury con-

1 tainment in certain light bulbs, to consumers or the
2 general public, including health risks with respect to
3 hospitals, schools, day care centers, mental health
4 facilities, and nursing homes.

5 (b) PROJECTIONS.—The report shall include monthly
6 and yearly projections of expenses described in subsection
7 (a)(1) over the period of January 1, 2012, through De-
8 cember 31, 2017.

○